



**What's He Worth to You?**

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Welcome to Worship**

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

## **MIDWEEK SERIES: IT IS FINISHED**

During this midweek Lenten series, we turn to the Old Testament book of Zechariah to hear God's promises spoken centuries before Holy Week. Through vivid and specific prophecies, Zechariah points us to the final days of Jesus' life—His humble entry into Jerusalem, His betrayal, the scattering of His disciples, and His piercing on the cross. These are not vague predictions, but precise promises that unfold as Jesus walks the road to the cross. With each step toward His suffering, another word of God is fulfilled, moving us closer to the moment when Jesus will finally declare, "*It is finished.*" As we listen to these ancient words during Lent, we see that Christ's suffering was no accident or detour, but part of God's saving plan from the beginning. Zechariah helps us slow down and see Holy Week not as a tragedy spiraling out of control, but as the faithful completion of God's Word. In this series, we are invited to repent, to trust, and to marvel that when Jesus says, "*It is finished,*" our salvation truly is complete.

### **February 25: What's He Worth to You?**

March 4: Scattered Sheep

March 11: The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth

March 18: The Kingly Priest

March 25: Look at the One Who Was Pierced



# Order of Service

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## TONIGHT'S FOCUS: WHAT'S HE WORTH TO YOU?

### Opening Hymn

*Lord, to You I Make Confession*

- 1 Lord, to you I make confession:  
I have sinned and gone astray;  
I have multiplied transgression,  
chosen for myself my way.  
Led by you to see my errors,  
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.
  
- 2 Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,  
Father, I will seek your face.  
Though your child I dare not call me,  
yet receive me to your grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me,  
do not let your wrath o'ertake me.
  
- 3 For your Son has suffered for me,  
giv'n himself to rescue me,  
died to save me and restore me,  
reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish  
these dark fears and soothe this anguish.
  
- 4 Lord, on you I cast my burden—  
sink it in the deepest sea!  
Let me know your gracious pardon,  
cleanse me from iniquity.  
Let your Spirit leave me never,  
make me only yours forever.

## Confession of Sins

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## Passion Reading – Matthew 26:1-35

**26** When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup>“This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, <sup>r</sup> but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup> He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’ ” <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

“ ‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>k</sup>

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

<sup>34</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

## Reading Response

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**By His wounds we are healed.**

# Hymn of the Day

What Is the World to Me



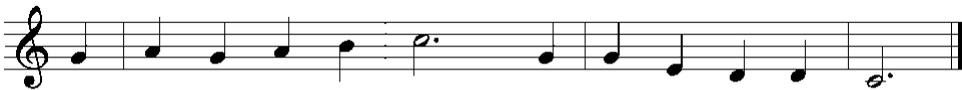
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,  
3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.  
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;  
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;  
My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,  
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!  
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Reading

Zechariah 11:7–13

<sup>7</sup>So I shepherded the flock marked for slaughter, particularly the oppressed of the flock. Then I took two staves and called one Favor and the other Union, and I shepherded the flock. <sup>8</sup>In one month I got rid of the three shepherds.

The flock detested me, and I grew weary of them <sup>9</sup>and said, “I will not be your shepherd. Let the dying die, and the perishing perish. Let those who are left eat one another’s flesh.”

<sup>10</sup>Then I took my staff called Favor and broke it, revoking the covenant I had made with all the nations. <sup>11</sup>It was revoked on that day, and so the oppressed of the flock who were watching me knew it was the word of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the LORD.

## **Sermon**

### **Confession of Faith: The Second Article (Redemption)**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

#### ***What does this mean?***

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

## **Offering**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

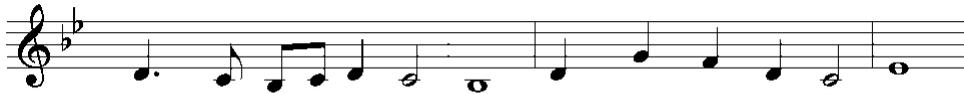
## **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

**Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In thine arms I rest me; foes who would op - press me  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee;  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,  
5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish  
can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!  
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



shall my spir - it lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?  
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
nor thy threats a - larm me while I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry told with tempt - ing voice.  
though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; yet, though sin and  
God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour; earth and all its  
Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my  
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, thou art still my



naught to hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me,  
depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him,  
Sav - ior move me since he deigns to love me,  
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure,



naught I ask be - side thee.  
Je - sus will not fail me.  
si - lent bow be - fore him.  
since he deigns to love me.  
Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

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